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SUBJECT: OLD CROWS' CONVENTION

1. THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HAS PARTICIPATED WITH AN ELECTRONIC WARFARE ASSOCIATION KNOWN AS THE ASSOCIATION OF OLD CROWS IN CONDUCTING AN ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW) SYMPOSIUM DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS. THESE SYMPOSIA ARE THE ONLY FORA IN WHICH DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OFFICIALS DISCUSS THEIR MOST CRITICAL EW REQUIREMENTS AND PLANS WITH US INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE. WE HAVE FOUND THAT THE SYMPOSIA HELP US TO IMPROVE GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY APPRECIATION OF BASIC OPERATIONAL EW PROBLEMS; TO UNDERSTAND THE LIMITATIONS AND POTENTIAL OF BASIC TECHNOLOGY AND TECHNIQUES; TO DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSES OF THE EW AREA; AND TO PROPOSE IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR SYSTEM ACQUISITION PROCESS.

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2. THE ASSOCIATION OF OLD CROWS PLANS TO HOST A TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM IN WASHINGTON, D. C. ON 25-27 SEPTEMBER 1973. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO EXTEND, THROUGH THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE PERMREPS, INVITATIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND THE NATO MODS TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THIS YEAR' S SYMPOSIUM IN WASHINGTON. USMISSION NATO IS, OF COURSE, INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SYMPOSIUM AS WELL. INFORMATION REGARDING AGENDA, SCHEDULES, FEES, RESERVATIONS HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, SECURITY CLEARANCES

AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE EW SYMPOSIUM MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING: COLONEL OLIN E. MCFOLIN, USAF, CHIEF, ELECTRONIC WARFARE BRANCH, OPERATIONS DIVISION, SHAPE.

3. PLEASE ADVISE THE SYG AND ASK THE PERMREPS TO ADVISE THE MODS THAT ALL ATTENDEES MUST HAVE NATO SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCES CERTIFIED THROUGH THEIR DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL FOR FOREIGN ATTACHES.

4. BY SEPARATE MESSAGE, THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILL EXTEND SIMILAR INVITATIONS TO THE MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS, JCS PLANS TO SEND INVITATIONS TO THE USDEL MC, AND THROUGH THE USDEL MC TO THE CHAIRMAN, NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE, AND APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF.

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